

# Oldest Teacher Retiring

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to be with her parents who lived in West Los Angeles. Mrs. Dalton said that she had promised her husband she would give up teaching if they could move to California.

By interesting coincidence Miss Ruby E. Cobb, a cousin of Mrs. Dalton's father, was then principal of Perry School, and while the Daltons were on their way to California a letter from Miss Cobb was on its way to Washington telling of a vacancy at Perry.

With no expectation of getting the position, since the board had stated their preference for a "native daughter," Mrs. Dalton applied. To her surprise several days later she received a letter saying that she had been "elected for the position." In consideration of the children's needs, Mrs. Dalton was released from her promise.

Although she taught the first four grades the first couple of years in the old building, she devoted her time mainly to the first grade. She is justifiably proud that she "never missed one year of teaching since I started."

TO PERRY IN 1922  
"I had always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was a wee child," Mrs. Dalton declared. "I never wanted to be anything else."

When she came in 1922, there were 48 or 50 children enrolled. She and Miss Cobb constituted the entire teaching staff at that time. Perry now has an enrollment of 828 students with 26 teachers, a principal, vice principal and school nurse to make up the staff.

The thousands of children or more, by conservative estimate, whom she has taught over the 35 years include children of many of her former students.

When questioned about the changes she had seen through her years in the field of education, Mrs. Dalton said she had seen many changes. "Some of them I have gone along with and others I haven't. In the early years, the program was more "curriculum-centered" than "child-centered." The program now takes the child more into consideration.

"When we were supervised by the county, we had to cover a certain amount of work between visits from the supervisor. This presented difficulties with the children who were foreign-born and who had to learn the language. Now the child is considered as an individual and allowed to advance at his own rate wherever possible," she said.

RECALLS OLDEN DAYS  
She voiced a certain nostalgia for the times when schools were smaller. "We knew the whole community better. There were few transient families as compared with now. In the smaller schools, there was a warm spark and often the schools, with the church, were the centers of community life. There were parties at the schools and the whole family came."

Mrs. Dalton feels that the conference system offers a great opportunity for parents and teachers to learn more about the children.

Records show that many Japanese children have attended Perry School. When asked about the reaction to Japanese relocation during World War II, she said, "I knew the Japanese very well. There were 10 little girls and one little boy who were relocated in the spring of 1942. They were good students and got lots of stars for knowing their vocabulary. After the Japanese child left, one of the students made the remark, "we don't get as many stars on our chart now that the Japanese children are gone." I'll never forget that remark," Mrs. Dalton added, her eyes far-away remembering, saying goodbye to little children so eager to learn and who tried so hard. "It made a lot of difference in the school."

Showing pictures of a school program given some years ago, Mrs. Dalton said, "You can see the gorgeous Japanese kimonos the children wore. Their mothers took such pride in fixing them up for the program. We always planned a portion where the children might wear their lovely kimonos, with yards and yards of material in "packs" on their backs."

FUTURE PLANS  
Coming back to the present,

Mrs. Dalton remarked with great feeling, "Everyone's been so wonderful to me, so cooperative. Looking back, there hasn't been a year that I have not been happy and enjoyed my work. Everyone has given me such wonderful support."

"My future plans? I'll read. I enjoy all kinds of reading. And some gardening. My husband, who has a home at 29 Palms and where we will be living most of the time, has a hobby of cactus. There will be opportunities to do church and Sunday school work, perhaps some PTA." Listening to her, one had the feeling her life would continue to be full, filled with service to others as it always has been.

The Dalton's tentative plans include some traveling, a "little scouting through our own United States. We want to drive into Canada and through the northern states, depending upon how my husband, who has been ill, feels."

And how do those people feel who have worked closely with her through the years? Speaking for all who knew her are the following: John W. Strom, who is completing his second year as principal at Perry, says, "Those of us who have worked with Mrs. Dalton have received the enrichment of a life dedicated to children. Her friendly, quiet and generous manner has influenced many children and parents toward a better life. In these years of teaching, she has revealed the sparkle of a teacher who has continually enjoyed serving the children and the parents of our community. The influence of her life flows on in ever widening circles."

Mrs. Lester Foster, now principal at Edison School and formerly principal at Perry for six years, prior to Mr. Strom, said, "Mrs. Dalton to me, truly symbolizes the spirit of a dedicated teacher. She leaves behind a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy. She has written her name on this monument with kindness, love and understanding on the hearts of thousands with whom she has come in contact these past 35 years of teaching in Torrance. Children, teachers and parents alike have been blessed by her presence."

### THEY LOVE HER

Mr. Robert C. Morton, now in charge of district personnel at the Administration building, and formerly principal at Perry when it first became part of the Torrance school system, said with great feeling, "May Dalton's many outstanding professional qualities include her sincere love and acceptance of each child in her room and her ability to stimulate children to do their best work. As a former principal of Perry, I considered it a privilege to observe this master teacher in the class room." The sentiments of these men, whose lives are also dedicated to the welfare and well being of children, are echoed over and over in the hearts of the thousands who have known her and will miss her and all the good things she stood for and represented."

The Perry PTA is having a reception and an Open House Friday, May 24, from 3:30 to 7:30. Invitations have been

sent out to as many old friends, students and parents as could be reached. An invitation is extended to all her former students, parents, teachers and friends to attend and say "hello." Mrs. Betty O'Briente, friend and associate for 13 years, is in charge of the affair.

Mrs. Dalton's friends will not allow her to leave without honoring her," Mrs. O'Briente declared. "Mrs Dalton told me, 'I came to Perry quietly and I want to leave the same way.' But her many, many friends could not let her go like that."

## Church Group In School Room Classes

An old fashioned school session provided an interesting program at the monthly inspirational meeting of the Women of the Church held in the Fireside room at the First Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 7.

Devotions were presented by Mrs. Ed Schwartz, Mrs. Don Anderson and Mrs. William Edstrom.

The program was outlined as various study projects. Geography was the area served by the Women's Missionary Federation. In history, the organization of the National Women's Missionary Federation, its officers, headquarters, number of districts, societies and memberships were studied. Group contest singing made up the music class and the Women's Missionary Outlook magazine served for reading. Christian service and special needs was the social science phase and arithmetic signs were: minus, general expense; plus, thankoffering; division, foreign missions; and multiplication, life memberships, and funds for Mexico missions.

Mrs. Don Anderson was a special visitor. Dressed as a native India woman she reported on work carried on by the women's organizations in the mission fields and schools of India.

Special items of business were the annual Southern California District convention in Santa Ana May 21 when election of officers and department chairmen will be held. Two local women will be on the district ballot. They are Mrs. Marvin McCas, for junior mission band department chairman, and Mrs. William Crooker, Christian Service department chairman.

Delegates to the convention are Mmes. Stuart Phillips, Fred Kilkhen and Ben Friberg; alternates, Mmes. R. J. Prout, William Crooker, and Marvin McCas.

A social hour followed program and business session.

### ATTEND SHOW

Among those from Torrance attending "Torrance Night" last Tuesday at Carthay Circle for the showing of "80 Days Around the World" were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil, Jack and Jean McNeil, Jerry Doyle, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jordan and Kert of Riviera and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Printy and Linda of Los Angeles.

## Pi Phi Given Three Awards By Council

Pi Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, held its regular meeting Wednesday, May 1, 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Charles Fitzpatrick in Hawthorne. Sixteen members and one guest, Mrs. Jack Parker, were in attendance.

Mrs. Robert Todd, president, presided at the business meeting. She announced to the members that Pi Chi chapter won the three trophies presented by South Bay Area Council at the Founder's Day banquet on April 27 for the following: Best scrapbook, Achievement Report and Girl of the Year. Mrs. Bob Garrison, member was chosen as Pi Phi's Girl of the Year as well as the Council Girl of the Year. The trophies were brought to this meeting for all to see.

Mrs. Todd also announced that Pi Phi plans to enter their scrapbook in the Southern California Council contest at the May 5 breakfast at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club. Ten scrapbooks will be selected from California to be judged at the state-wide convention which will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, May 24-26. Three winners will be chosen

and prizes will be awarded in the amount of \$50, first prize; \$25 second prize and \$10, third prize. Eight members of Pi Phi are attending the breakfast on Sunday. They are: Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Bob Garrison, Mrs. Robert Grable, Mrs. Ernest Sommerville, Mrs. Thayne Connell, Mrs. Donald Bradfield, Mrs. Steve Nicely and Miss Dorothy Stearns.

Mrs. Garrison, Pi Phi's chairman for the South Bay Area Council Bake Sale to be held on Friday, May 10, in front of the Security-First National Bank, El Segundo, asked for volunteers to work from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Those volunteering were: Mmes. Donald Hake, Jim Stamatis, Steve Nicely, Donald Bradfield and Garrison. All members will bake for this event.

The program of the evening was conducted by the members who recently took their Ritual of Jewels Degree. It was entitled "O'MyCryingOutLoud" and was based on a take-off of a business meeting of the sorority and presented by the following members who originated and wrote the script for the entire program: Mmes. David Bradfield, James Stamatis,

Fred Dostal, Thayne Connell, Donald Hake, Donald Doore and Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Todd announced that the next meeting, which will be dinner meeting, at which time the officers for 1957-58 will be installed, will be held at the Cavalier Restaurant, Manchester Blvd., Wednesday, May 15, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is chairman in charge of the banquet. The following officers will be installed: Mrs. Steve Nicely, president; Mrs. Donald A. Bromley, vice president; Mrs. Thayne Connell, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Grable, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Fred Dostal, treasurer; Mrs. James Stamatis, council representative and Mrs. Ernest Sommerville, extension officer. This will be the last meeting of the year.

### DONALD WEAR

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Wear are announcing the birth of a son on May 6 at the Bay Cities Community Hospital. The young man who weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. has been named Donald Glynn. Mrs. Wear is the former Dorothy Harlan. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harlan and Mrs. Martin Laskey.

## RN of A Fete Family Party

### Occasion 36th Anniversary

The 36th anniversary of the founding of the Torrance camp of the Royal Neighbors of America will be observed on Tuesday evening, May 21, at the Torrance Woman's Club on Engracia. Attending as special guest will be Mrs. Bertha Brennan, 812 Portola Ave., who is the only charter member of the Torrance camp now residing in Torrance.

The camp was instituted May 21, 1921. The Royal Neighbors of America received their charter in 1895 from the state of Illinois and is the largest fraternal benefit organization in the United States whose principal officers are women. Their national home is in Davonport, Iowa.

Guest officers will occupy the stations during the lodge session, coming from the various camps in the South Bay district. Neighbor Lucille Meyer will be the program chairman and Neighbor Dorothy Malloy is in charge of refreshments.

A combined Mother's Day and birthday celebration was held on Sunday, May 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Burchett, 1507 El Prado.

Sharing honors with the mothers was Robert Eppine Jr., who was observing his 14th birthday.

Dinner was served at a table decorated with spring flowers and at the dessert course the lighted birthday cake was brought in.

Enjoying the party were Mr. and Mrs. Burchett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eipper and two sons, Bob and Dick and James Burchett, Jr.

On Monday, Robert Jr., caught a 36 pound sea bass, his first.

### WEEK END GUESTS

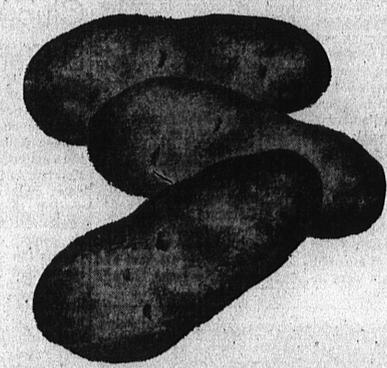
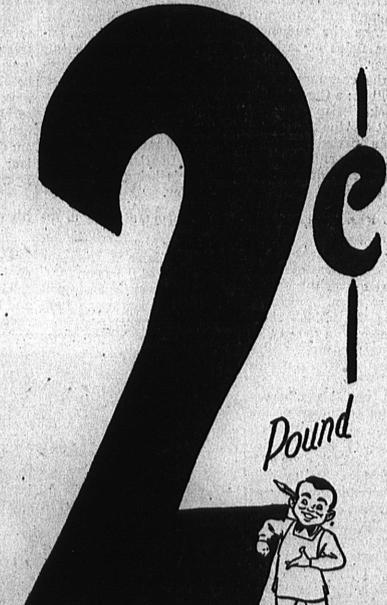
Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, 3480 Del Amo, were Mrs. Jackson's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Oblinger and their daughter Geraldine from Dinuba. They remained over the week end.

Other guests in the Jackson home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Underwood; their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Gobel, and her children, David and Becky. They are all residents of Orange.

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